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CENTRAL COMMAND

# SAFESTAT REPORT



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## Overview

There were a total of 79 crashes in May. This is a 25.4% increase as compared to April. There were 3 fatal crashes during the month of May for a total of 3 deceased. There were 2 crashes involving an impaired driver which is one less than in April. Of the 79 total crashes, 10 involved commercial vehicles. Commercial drivers were at fault in 4, or 40%, of the 10 commercial crashes. Five of the 10 crashes occurred on Interstate 80.

Overall enforcement activity increased by 13% with 340 more violations as compared to April. There was a 12.6% increase in speed violations and a 10% increase in hazardous moving violations as compared to April. These are significant increases considering that Central Command still has 5 troopers in PSTO status. Occupant restraint violations displayed the largest increase at 104.9% as compared to April. Occupant restraint violations increased largely because of concentrated efforts during the "Click it or Ticket" campaign during the Memorial Day weekend. Central Command issued 170 more occupant restraint citations as compared to April. Arrests of impaired drivers prior to a crash increased slightly from the prior month.

Commercial personnel remained consistent with the number of inspections of commercial vehicles as compared to April. There was a 23.1% decrease in the number of safety citations issued as compared to the previous month. There were 13 vehicles placed "out of service" and 7 drivers placed "out of service" during the month. Both of these areas showed significant decreases from the previous month. Traffic personnel conducted 178 inspections during the month of May which is identical to April's statistics.

Front office personnel showed a slight decrease in the number of reports processed and the evidence vault had a substantial decrease in the number of new cases and new items submitted. The evidence vault processed 219 items. The Court / Warrant Section had increases in the validated, entered and received warrant areas. The Communications Center experienced increases in all areas including the number of CAD incidents and radio transmissions.

Overall, Central Command personnel did very well during the month of May.

**CENTRAL COMMAND**

**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

	May -08		May-07	% Change		April-08	% Change
Total Crashes	79		76	3.9%		63	25.4%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	44		51	-13.7%		42	4.8%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	32		25	28.0%		21	52.4%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3		0	300.0%		0	300.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	2		2	0.0%		3	-33.3%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	3		0	300.0%		0	300.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	2		0	200.0%		0	200.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1		0	100.0%		0	100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	10		7	42.9%		14	-28.6%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	8		6	33.3%		9	-11.1%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	2		1	100.0%		5	-60.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 3.8%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 2.5%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 66.7%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 12.7%

**NARRATIVE ANALYSIS**

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- Total crashes were up by 16 from the previous month for a 25.4% increase. There were 3 more crashes from the previous year for a 3.9% increase.
- DUI crashes decreased by 1 from the previous month.
- The average BAC for impaired drivers involved in crashes is .176.
- There were 3 fatal crashes in May which is up by 3 from the previous month.

There were 10 accidents involving a commercial vehicle during April, which decreased by 4 from the previous month. The 10 accidents accounted for 12.7% of the total crashes in the Command. Of the 10 crashes, 4 or 40% were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver. There were 5 crashes involving a commercial vehicle in which a passenger vehicle driver was found to be at fault. Five of the 10 crashes occurred on Interstate 80, the remaining 5 occurred on secondary roadways

**FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY***[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

	May -08		May-07	% Change		April -08	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	2		2	0.0%		3	-33.3%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	31		25	24.0%		30	3.3%
Other Arrests	146		134	9.0%		161	-9.3%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	76		66	15.2%		109	-30.3%
Speed violations	1471		1702	-13.6%		1306	12.6%
Hazardous moving violations	154		169	-8.9%		140	10.0%
Occupant restraint violations *	332		254	30.7%		162	104.9%
Total violations [above violations included]	2940		3202	-8.2%		2600	13.1%
<b>Commercial Enforcement</b>							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	24		16	50.0%		44	-45.5%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	18		7	157.1%		54	-66.7%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	518		476	8.8%		521	-0.6%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	0		5	-500.0%		0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	83		59	40.7%		108	-23.1%
Total safety violations -- repair order	790		540	46.3%		805	-1.9%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	13		24	-45.8%		35	-62.9%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	7		11	-36.4%		17	-58.8%
Total school buses inspected	0		0	0.0%		32	-3200.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0		0	0.0%		5	-500.0%
Total trucks weighed	554		559	-0.9%		796	-30.4%
Total overweight citations	3		1	200.0%		18	-83.3%
Total dyed fuel inspections	504		444	13.5%		503	0.2%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

**NARRATIVE ANALYSIS***[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- Total violations were up by 340 for a 13.1% increase from April.
- As such, speed enforcement was up by 160 violations for a 12.6% increase. Hazardous moving violations were up by 14 for a 10% increase. Occupant restraint violations increased dramatically by 170 for a 104.9% increase.
- There were 31 DUI arrests prior to crashes for a slight increase over April and a 24% increase over the same period last year. The average BAC for impaired drivers was .132%.

- Commercial vehicle inspections were down by 3 for a slight decrease as compared to April. Violations were down by 25 for a 23.1% decrease and repair orders were slightly down by 15 for a 1.9% decrease. There were 7 drivers and 13 vehicles placed out of service. The number of trucks weighed was down by 242 for a 30.4% decrease as compared to April.
- There were 554 trucks weighed by commercial enforcement in May and 119 of those were weighed on secondary roadways during 205.5 hours of directed enforcement.

Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]							
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Vehicles Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#	#
May -08	178	61	179	9	3	155	0
May-07	345	114	365	10	13	277	0
% Change	-48.4%	-46.5%	-51.0%	-10.0%	-76.9%	-44.0%	#DIV/0!

May -08	178	61	179	9	3	155	0
April -08	178	69	241	21	7	163	0
% Change	0.0%	-11.6%	-25.7%	-57.1%	-57.1%	-4.9%	#DIV/0!

- Traffic operations personnel conducted 178 level 2/3 inspections during May. This was a decrease of 48.4% from the previous year but consistent with last month. There were corresponding decreases in violations and repair orders. 61 citations were issued for safety violations and 179 repair orders were written during the inspections with 3 vehicles and 9 drivers being placed "out of service."

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	May -08		May -07	% Change		April -08	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>							
Radio Transmissions	64881		79,390	-18.3%		56754	14.3%
CAD incidents	8865		11,263	-21.3%		7617	16.4%
Telephone Calls	8281		10,820	-23.5%		7477	10.8%
Call Box Incidents	104		N/A	#VALUE!		61	70.5%
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	66		120	-45.0%		71	-7.0%
Arrest Reports Processed	73		56	30.4%		83	-12.0%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	9		14	-35.7%		7	28.6%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>							
Warrants Received	225		269	-16.4%		124	81.5%
Warrants Entered	188		184	2.2%		136	38.2%
Warrants Cleared	200		364	-45.1%		216	-7.4%
Warrants Validated	2149		2089	2.9%		1644	30.7%
Extradition / Transports	6		9	-33.3%		3	100.0%
<b>EVIDENCE</b>							
New Cases Submitted	5		17	-70.6%		37	-86.5%
New Items Submitted	7		45	-84.4%		154	-95.5%
Items Disposed	6		162	-96.3%		75	-92.0%

**Contract Service overtime was 624.93 hours during 13 escorts totalling \$44,937.54.**

#### **NARRATIVE ANALYSIS**

*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- Contract services were up by 2 services but down by 226 hours from March.
- Communications Center experienced increases in activity over the previous month. Radio transmissions were up by 14.3%, CAD incidents were up by 16.4% and call box incidents were up by 70%. Telephone calls increased by 10.8% over April.
- The Evidence section showed large decreases in new cases submitted and items submitted. Items processed decreased by 64 for a total of 219. Items disposed were down by 92%.
- Front Office staff saw slight decreases in reports processed. There was a 28.6% increase in incident reports processed.
- The Court/Warrant Unit work process was up in all categories except warrants cleared.
- Overall, administrative services showed increases from the previous month with the exception of evidence vault.

***PERSONNEL***

- Due to problems with the background investigation of one of the applicants and the subsequent personnel freeze the Command has been unable to fill the AAI position in the Court Warrant section. A justification to fill document has been sent to personnel for approval of the AAI position.
- There has been continued recruitment problems with attempting to fill the PSD IV position in Dispatch. Effective June 2<sup>nd</sup> PSD III Mayra Cortez will assume the acting position as PSD IV.

***PUBLIC INFORMATION***

- The PIEO conducted presentations for career fairs, mining safety and commercial vehicle safety on May 6, 7, 13, 23, 27 and 29.
- He conducted an interview on May 14<sup>th</sup> related to Division vehicle crash.
- The PIEO attended the Tip a Cop event in Elko to help raise money for Special Olympics.
- On May 29, Trooper Arranda and PIEO Stewart conducted a DUI workshop for the Wendover High School Seniors. The workshop was well organized and proved to be a very proactive tool in preventing drinking and driving amongst high school students.

***AIR OPERATIONS***

- The Central Command aircraft flew 47 hours, completing 19 missions during the month of May 2008.
- Seven speed enforcement missions were flown resulting in the the following enforcement:

A total of 87 enforcement actions were taken.

Speed:	69
Hazardous Moving:	12
Non-Hazardous:	6
Seat Belt:	0
Arrests:	0

Six motorists were assisted during speed enforcement missions and two were assisted during line patrol flights.

The high speed for the month was a black Chevrolet sedan at 95 mph in a 75 mph zone west of Wells.

- Compared to last month, total flight time is up 114%, total enforcement activity is up 10% and motorist assists are down 43%. When compared to May of 2007, flight time is up 4%, total enforcement activity is down 15% and motorists assisted are down 38%.